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Docket No. 1232-4635**REMARKS**

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Non-responsive amendment

An Office Action on the merits was issued on April 22, 2004, in response to which an amendment and request for reconsideration was filed on August 25, 2004. On January 31, 2005, a further Office Action was issued in which the August 25th Amendment was deemed non-responsive for allegedly having amended claims 1-7, 41 and 47 (the elected Group I claims) to be drawn to non-elected Group II by virtue of inclusion of the limitation "whether or not the set value set by the setting section is a set value which can be set in accordance with the setting instruction information supplied from the operating section."

While Applicant does not necessarily agree with the characterization of the claims as stated by the Examiner, i.e., that the foregoing quoted language renders the amended claims to be drawn to a different (i.e., Group II) invention, to expedite prosecution Applicant herein, presents amendments clarifying the claimed Group I invention, as well as remarks in response to the April 22, 2004 Office Action as to the allowability of these claims.

It is Applicant's understanding that, under MPEP §714.19 (N), an amendment . . . presenting only claims drawn to a non-elected invention should not be entered.

Accordingly, Applicant presents the foregoing amendments using the original claims as filed as the base for those amendments (i.e., the amendments presented in the August 25, 2004 paper, having been deemed non-responsive, are not included).

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Docket No. 1232-4635**Claim Status**

Claims 1-52 are pending, with non-elected Group II claims 8-40, 42-46 and 48-52 having been withdrawn from consideration. Group I claims 1-7, 41 and 47 are currently under examination and have been rejected. Of these claims, claims 1, 41 and 47 are independent and claims 1-3, 41 and 47 are herein amended. No new matter has been added.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

Claims 1-7, 41 and 47 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Watanabe et al. (USP 5,592,306) ("Watanabe").

The invention recited in amended claim 1 is directed, *inter alia*, to an electronic device operating on the basis of a variable set value, the device comprising: an operating section which inputs first setting instruction information for setting a parameter for a specific function of the device, a reception section which receives second setting instruction information for setting the parameter for the specific function from an external apparatus, and a setting section which determines a set value on the basis of the first or second setting instruction information and sets the set value as the parameter of the specific function. A set value which can be set by the setting section includes a set value to be set on the basis of only the second setting instruction information.

The first and second setting instruction information is used for setting the parameter for the same function (i.e., the specific function).

Watanabe discloses a program rewriteable camera having a first memory circuit 26 and a second memory circuit 27 each storing a software program. In Watanabe's camera, the selected software within the ROM pack 37 of the peripheral device 36 can be transferred to the second memory 27 of the camera. The software to be stored in the second memory 27 is for

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effecting functions which are desired by a photographer. On the other hand, the software stored in the first memory circuit 26 is for effecting fundamental operation of a camera operation sequence. (See, e.g., col. 3, lines 21-31, 32-41.)

Watanabe's camera may be described as having an arrangement allowing receiving a software program from the peripheral device and receiving information from its operation section.

However, Watanabe does not disclose or discuss an arrangement allowing input of instruction for the same function of the camera through two ways, i.e., i) a way of using the operation section of the camera; and, ii) a way of using the peripheral device, as recited in amended claim 1.

While the foregoing discussion as to patentability focuses on the invention as recited in amended claim 1, the inventions recited in claims 1, 41 and 47 are each characterized by a common inventive feature, namely that discussed above, and claims 41 and 47 are thus believed to be patentably distinct from the cited art for at least similar reasons as set forth with respect to claim 1, *supra*.

Dependent Claims

Applicant has not independently addressed the rejections of the dependent claims. Applicant submits that, in view of the amendments to the claims presented herein and, for at least similar reasons as to why the independent claims from which the dependent claims depend are believed allowable as discussed *supra*, the dependent claims are also allowable. Applicant however, reserves the right to address any individual rejections of the dependent claims should such be necessary or appropriate.

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As such, Watanabe does not teach or suggest the claimed invention, as the present invention as recited in independent claims 1, 41 and 47 and the claims depending therefrom, are clearly distinguishable from the cited art in at least the several respects stated above. The present invention as claimed is therefore neither anticipated by nor rendered obvious in view of Watanabe, taken individually or in combination with any other art of record.

CONCLUSION

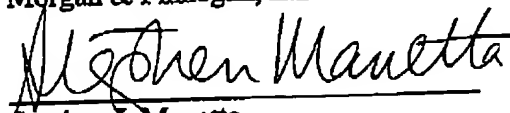
In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that the claims as herein presented are allowable over the prior art of record, taken alone or in combination, and that the respective rejections be withdrawn. Applicant further submits that the application is hereby placed in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested.

Applicant believes the no extension of time is required for the filing of this paper and that no fees are due. However, should additional fees be due, or should an extension of time be necessary to render this filing timely, such extension is hereby petitioned, and the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for this paper, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 1232-4635.

In the event that a telephone conference would facilitate prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number provided.

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